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SUBJ: SAUDI CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA

REF : A) STATE 87651; B) JIDDA 2302

1. I FLEW TO RIYADH THIS MORNING (MAY 4) WITH SAYYID OMAR SAQQAF, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND RAISED AGAIN THE SUBJECT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA. I TOLD HIM THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS TOGETHER WERE APPARENTLY CONTRIBUTING VERY LITTLE AND IMPORTANT PROGRAMS WOULD BE CANCELLED OR CURTAILED VERY SOON. SAYYID OMAR ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD DECIDED TO CUT ITS CONTRIBUTION. I TOLD HIM NO, THAT OUR CONTRIBUTION IS LARGE AND HAD ALREADY BEEN PROMISED. HOWEVER, THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE DISPOSED TO INCREASE ITS PAYMENTS TO COVER THE DEFICIT. WE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EDUCATIONAL
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PROGRAMS OF THE UN AND THE PROSPECTS OF A TEACHERS' STRIKE

IN JORDAN, WHICH WOULD MAKE THE PROBLEM WORSE.

2. AS WE LANDED AT RIYADH AIRPORT SAYYID OMAR POINTED OUT TO ME A JET FIGHTER LEAVING THE HANGAR AND SAID "WE ARE TALKING ABOUT LESS THAN THE PRICE OF ONE OF THOSE." I TOLD HIM THE PRICE OF THE PLANE AND ITS OPERATING COSTS WOULD CERTAINLY GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING UNRWA'S PROBLEM.

3. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP AGAIN WITH THE KING AND WOULD LET ME KNOW HIS RESPONSE ON MONDAY, MAY 5.
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